GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Internal Security
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate safeguards to ensure internal security in the wake of recent terror attacks including Pathankot air-base attack;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether security forces including National Security Guard (NSG) have sufficient modern equipments like bullet proof jackets;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide modern weapons and bullet proof jackets to NSG and other security forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In order to counter terror activities, there exists close and effective coordination between intelligence and security agencies at the Centre and the State levels. The Multi Agency Centre (MAC) has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on 24x7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with

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other intelligence agencies and States, which ensures seamless flow of information between the State and the Central agencies. Further, The Security Audit of all security related establishments / infrastructure has been carried out by the organizations / agencies concerned to assess physical security measures and upgrade it, wherever necessary.

Apart from the above, to counter the problem of cross-border infiltration and to enhance security in the border areas, the Government of India, in coordination with the State Governments concerned, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening of border management through multi-tiered deployment along international borders/Line of Control and infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved use of technology, better intelligence and operational coordination, synergizing intelligence flow to check infiltration and proactive action against terrorists within the country.

(c) to (e): Security forces including National Security Guard (NSG) have sufficient modern equipments like bullet proof jackets etc. The Central Government is assisting the States to improve internal security through

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schemes like Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF) Scheme and Security Related Expenditure Scheme (SRE). Under MPF scheme, assistance is being provided under the components Mobility, Weaponry, Communication Systems, Training, Forensic Science Laboratory etc. All the forces have at one time or the other drawn resources form the Central Scheme of Modernization of Police Forces. At present, with higher devolution of finances to the States consequent to the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, the States are well placed to draw from their own resources for upgradation of anti-terror forces.
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